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Louisiana Board of Ethics P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Louisiana Board of Ethics,

LSU Lallie Kemp Medical Center in Independence, Louisiana, is a 25-bed critical care hospital with inpatient and outpatient medical services. Our staff recently reviewed the Louisiana State Ethics Training, and a question came up that management was not sure how to answer. Therefore Lallie Kemp Medical Center is seeking your guidance.

On occasion, vendors will provide departments at the hospital a tray of inexpensive treats (e.g., cookies) as part of their marketing efforts. Lallie Kemp Medical Center understands that food and drink given by vendors must be consumed in the presence of the giver, per general provisions of Louisiana R.S. §1115. Since COVID-19, the hospital significantly limits outside visitors to the floor. This means that the vendor may not be allowed to be in the presence of the floor staff for whom the tray of goodies is intended. Please provide Lallie Kemp Medical Center with guidance as to whether or not it may accept these inexpensive trays of treats under this circumstance.

You may send correspondence to 52579 Highway 51 South, Independence, LA 70443, attention Becky Reeves. Or via email at <a href="mailto:rreeve@lsuhsc.edu">rreeve@lsuhsc.edu</a>. If you wish to reach me by phone, you may call 985-505-8560. Thanking you in advance for your guidance.

Best regards,

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